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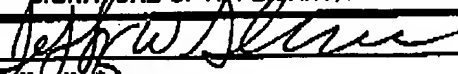
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| Application Number | 10/614,583 |
| Filing Date | 07/07/03 |
| First Named Inventor | Kevin L. Parsons |
| Art Unit | 2875 |
| Examiner Name | John A. Ward |
| Attorney Docket Number | 8342/89535 |

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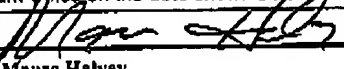
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| Name (Print / Type) | Jeffrey W. Salmon | Registration No. | 37,435 |

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| FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005 | | Application Number | 10/614,583 |
| | | Filing Date | 07/07/03 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Kevin L. Parsons |
| | | Examiner Name | John A. Ward |
| | | Art Unit | 2875 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | Attorney Docket No. | 8342/89535 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) | | \$1,020.00 | |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 160 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 160 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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| 45 | - 20 or HP = 25 | x \$25.00 | = \$625.00 |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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| Non-English specification, | \$130 fee (no small entity discount) | |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination + Terminal Disclaimer fee | | \$395.00 |

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| SUBMITTED BY | | Registration No. | 37,435 | Telephone | (312) 655-1500 |
| Signature | <i>Jeffrey W. Salmon</i> | (Attorney/Agent) | | Date | 8 March 2006 |
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